

Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, who was introduced by Senator Allen and Representative Ros-Lehtinen, and Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, who was introduced by Senators Allen and Biden, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SMITHFIELD/FARMLAND DEAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights concluded hearings to examine agricultural consolidation and the Smithfield/Farmland Deal, after receiving testimony from Senator Johnson; Joseph Sebring, John Morrell, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio; William Hughes, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Madison; Russ Kremer, Missouri Farmers' Union, Jefferson City; Michael Stumo, Organization for Competitive Markets, Winstead, Connecticut; Luther Tweeten, Columbus, Ohio; and Patrick Bell, Kenansville, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2823–2841; 1 private bill, H.R. 2842; and 6 resolutions, H. Con Res. 250–251 and H. Res. 330–333, were introduced. **Pages H7453–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7454–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 334, providing for consideration of H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–230);

H. Res. 335, providing for consideration of H.R. 2427, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs (H. Rept. 108–231); and

H. Res. 336, providing for consideration of H.R. 2210, to reauthorize the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children (H. Rept. 108–232). **Page H7453**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Ben Haden of Changed Lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. **Page H7333**

Question of Privileges of the House: The House agreed to table H. Res. 330, concerning a matter of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 410. **Pages H7336–37**

Rule Providing for Consideration of the Chile and Singapore Free Trade Agreements: The

House agreed to H. Res. 329, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2738, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, and for consideration of H.R. 2739, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement by a recorded vote of 281 yeas to 144 noes, Roll No. 415, and agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 416. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 413, and agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 414. **Pages H7339–47, H7348–51**

Motions to Adjourn: Rejected the Hastings of Florida motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 28 yeas to 389 nays, Roll No. 412, and later rejected a second motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 29 yeas to 394 noes and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 417. **Pages H7347–48, H7351**

Question of Personal Privilege: Representative Thomas rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Pages H7351–52**

Commerce, Justice, and State, Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2799, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 422. The bill was also considered on July 22. **Pages H7337–39, H7352–69**

Agreed To:

Ose amendment that prohibits any funding to issue visas to anyone who violates the child abduction provisions of the Immigration and Nationality

Act (agreed to by a recorded vote of 424 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 418); and **Pages H7352–53**

Hostettler amendment that prohibits funds to enforce the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in *Glassworth v. Moore* dealing with the display of the Ten Commandments (agreed to by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 419); **Pages H7353–54**

Rejected:

Hinchey amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 21 that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to prevent Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, or Washington from implementing State laws authorizing the use of medical marijuana in those States (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 420); and **Pages H7354–55**

Rush amendment that seeks to prohibit funds to be used for the sentencing phase of any Federal prosecution in which the death penalty is sought by the United States (rejected by a recorded vote of 85 ayes to 339 noes, Roll No. 421); **Page H7355**

Point of Order sustained against:

Levin amendment that seeks to prohibit any funding to negotiate a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) or a Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) unless various conditions are met (agreed to sustain the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 411).

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H. Res. 326, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote on July 22.

Recess: The House recessed at 7:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m. **Page H7393**

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by yeand-nay vote of 370 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 429.

Pages H7369–76, H7377–H7444

Agreed To:

Kolbe amendment that clarifies the authorities of the Coordinator of United States government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally; **Page H7402**

Hefley amendment that strikes \$600,000 for International Military Education and Training funding; **Pages H7412–14**

Biggert amendment that provides for the United States participation in the Thirteenth Replenishment of the Resources of the International Development Association; **Pages H7428–29**

Hastings of Florida amendment that expresses the Sense of Congress that the President should use all

diplomatic options to ensure that the Government of North Korea does not engage in efforts relating to the proliferation of nuclear weapons; **Page H7429**

Kolbe amendment that clarifies procedures of the United States Agency for International Development with respect to competitive contracting procedures to support programs in Iraq; **Page H7432**

Sanders amendment that prohibits any funding to support an order requiring the production of library circulation records, library patron lists, library internet records, bookseller sales records, or bookseller customer lists; **Pages H7432–33**

Rejected:

Kilpatrick amendment that sought to increase funding for global HIV/AIDS programs by \$300 million with offsets from the Millennium Challenge Account (rejected by recorded vote of 192 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 425); **Pages H7383–94, H7441–42**

McGovern amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 21 that sought to increase funding for Child Survival and Health Programs fund by \$75 million with offsets from the Andean Counterdrug Initiative and Plan Colombia (rejected by recorded vote of 195 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 426); **Pages H7394–H7402, H7441–42**

Hefley amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 21 that sought to reduce overall funding by 1 percent (rejected by recorded vote of 110 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 427);

Pages H7433–34, H7442

Weiner amendment that sought to prohibit any assistance to Saudi Arabia (rejected by recorded vote of 191 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 428);

Pages H7435–40, H7442–43

Point of Order sustained against:

Jackson of Illinois amendment that sought to increase emergency funds for the International Development Agency; **Pages H7381–83**

Kaptur amendment that sought to make available at least \$94 million in assistance to Ukraine;

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Weiner amendment that sought to prohibit funding to finance directly any assistance or reparations to Saudi Arabia; **Pages H7416–17**

Sec. 568(a)(3) dealing with agricultural commodities guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corporation; **Page H7426**

Sec. 572 dealing with Competition in Contracting; **Page H7426**

Sec. 575 dealing with the role of the United States Agency for International Development;

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Nadler amendment No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 22 that sought to withhold one-third of the funding made available to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency until the

President certifies that a program has been established for the resettlement of refugees and that the agency replaces its textbooks and educational materials that promote anti-Semitism; **Pages H7426–28**

Jackson-Lee amendment No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of July 22 that sought to prohibit funding to prohibit the participation of women in international peace efforts; **Pages H7429–30**

Jackson-Lee amendment No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 22 that sought to prohibit funding to prohibit the establishment of an independent commission on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; **Pages H7430–32**

Withdrawn:

Schiff amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for the Non-proliferation and Disarmament fund by \$15 million; **Pages H4710–11**

Ryun of Kansas amendment No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of July 22 was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding to countries that materially hindered the United States led coalition's efforts to liberate the Iraqi people; and **Page H7430**

Otter amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought limit assistance to the Palestinian Authority during a quarter of fiscal year 2004 if the Secretary of State determines that the Palestinian authority has provided support for acts of international terrorism. **Pages H7432–35**

Motions to Rise:

Rejected the DeLauro motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 318 noes, Roll, No. 423; and **Pages H7374–75**

Rejected the Jackson of Illinois motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 63 ayes to 342 noes, Roll, No. 424. **Page H7393**

H. Res 327, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 22.

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House completed debate on the Bishop of New York motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act, that was noted on July 23. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. Earlier, Representative Solis announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Pages H7444–49**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7455.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and seventeen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7336–37, H7338–39, H7347–48, H7348–49,

H7349, H7350, H7350–51, H7351, H7353, H7353–54, H7354–55, H7355, H7369, H7375, H7393, H7440–41, H7441–42, H7442, H7442–43, and H7443–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:50 a.m. on Thursday, July 24.

Committee Meetings

WILDFIRE SEASON AND THREATS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the 2002 Wildfire Season and the Wildfire Threats of the 2003 Season. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

AIR FORCE TANKER LEASE PROPOSAL

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Air Force Tanker Lease Proposal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael Wynne, Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Acquisition); and Maj. Gen. Paul W. Essex, USAF, Director, Plans and Programs, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command; Neal Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 382, Solid Waste International Transportation Act of 2003; H.R. 411, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain authorities under an agreement with Canada respecting the importation of municipal solid waste; and H.R. 1730, Solid Waste Interstate Transportation Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Senator Stabenow; Representative Miller of Michigan; Robert Springer, Director, Office of Solid Waste, EPA; the following officials of the State of Michigan: Ken Sikkema, member, Senate; and Steven Chester, Director, Department of Environmental Quality; the following officials of New York City: Andrew Lanza, Councilman; and Robert Orlin, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Sanitation; Nick DiPasquale, Deputy Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

“ISSUES RELATING TO EPHERA-CONTAINING DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS”

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an hearing entitled “Issues Relating to Epha-Containing Dietary Supplements.” Testimony was heard from Marcia